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TITLE: SIMPLIFIED HINGING DEVICE AND TEMPLE BAR THEREBY OBTAINED,
PARTICULARLY FOR EYEGLASS FRAMES

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A simplified hinging device ~~and~~ for a temple bar thereby obtained, particularly for eyeglass frames, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ said hinging device comprising: a preferably metallic termination, U shaped and holed so as to obtain a female hinge which engages by means of a screw, a pivot pin or one or more projections, and another preferably metallic termination, shaped and holed so as to obtain a male hinge.

2. (Currently amended) A simplified hinging device ~~and~~ for a temple bar thereby obtained, particularly for eyeglass frames, as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an end of a termination is widened, shaped and holed and subsequently bent into a U shape, so as to form a female hinge.

3. (Currently amended) A simplified hinging device ~~and~~ for a temple bar thereby obtained, particularly for eyeglass frames, as claimed in ~~claims 1 and 2,~~ characterized in that the Claim 1, wherein a U bent termination ~~has~~ comprises a projection as a union of the two half-hinges and as end stop.

4. (Currently amended) A simplified hinging device ~~and for a~~ temple bar thereby obtained, particularly for eyeglass frames, as claimed in ~~claims 1, 2 and 3, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said another termination is widened, shaped and holed, to form a male hinge.

5. (Currently amended) A simplified hinging device ~~and for a~~ temple bar thereby obtained, particularly for eyeglass frames, as claimed in ~~the previous claims, characterized in that the~~ Claim 1, wherein said termination which forms the male hinge has a throat which engages the end stop projection of the female hinge.

6. (Currently amended) A simplified hinging device ~~and for a~~ temple bar thereby obtained, particularly for eyeglass frames, as claimed in ~~the previous claims, characterized in that the~~ Claim 1, wherein said terminations are associated and free to rotate about a screw, pivot pin or projection.